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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2003 setting a three-month period to respond. The response is being timely filed within the three-month period. A Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 to transverse the rejection, as suggested by the Examiner, is presented. It is believed this response places the claims in position for allowance, or in better form for consideration on appeal. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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